

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A network service applying apparatus comprising an accepting server and memory, wherein said accepting server:

inputs a requested domain name to be associated with a
5 memory area accessible via a network;

inputs and stores credit information ~~to be used for~~ of a user who is to be assigned with said memory area specified by said domain name ~~to receive a credit~~;

sends out said input credit information and ~~acquires~~
10 receives examination result data determined based upon said credit information, said examination result data indicating allowance or denial of a credit ~~using said credit information sent out when receiving said examination result data~~;

determines whether ~~or not a~~ the memory area to be associated
15 with said input domain name is to be assigned to said user based on said ~~acquired~~ received examination result data and, when having decided to assign said memory area to said user, inputs user information for specifying said user, and generates and outputs ID data for identifying said user;

20 stores in said memory said user information in association with said ID data and said domain name into said memory; and

when externally receiving said ID data and a notification indicating that the user identified by said ID data has given a

third party a right to receive a network connection service ~~is given to a third party~~, generates and outputs network connection ID data for identifying ~~said right to be given to said third party by that user who is identified by said ID data~~, and a password associated with said network connection ID data.

2. (Currently Amended) The network service applying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when it is decided to assign said memory area to said user, said accepting server ~~further charges a~~ uses said stored credit information to charge ~~said user who is to received credit, for using said stored credit information with a consideration of assignment assigning of said memory area to said user and for providing said third party specified by said user with a consideration of said network connection service a right for whose reception has been given to said third party by said user, by using said credit information.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The network service applying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the requested domain name is input as a domain name to be newly assigned, and said accepting server ~~further~~ sends out said ~~input~~ requested domain name ~~as one to be newly used and acquires use and receives assignment~~ status report data indicating whether ~~or not~~ said ~~sent requested~~ domain name has already been assigned, ~~used when~~

receiving said use status report data, and determines whether or
not said input domain name as one to be newly used has already
been used based on said acquired use status report data and stops
inputting said credit information when ~~having determined~~ said
received assignment status report data indicates that said
requested domain name has already been assigned used.

4. (Currently Amended) The network service applying
apparatus according to claims 1, further comprising an
authentication server, wherein said authentication server:

encrypts said password generated by said accepting server; ~~and~~
stores said password and said network connection ID data
~~with which said password is associated~~ in association with each
other; and

when externally supplied with said network connection ID
data and ~~a~~ an input password ~~via a telephone line~~, determines
whether ~~or not~~ said stored encrypted password associated with
said network connection ID data substantially matches with said
externally supplied input password, and grants said network
connection service ~~to said network via said telephone line~~ to
said third party identified by said network connection ID data
when there is a match.

Claims 5-8 (Canceled).